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## COVID - 19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND FOR ORGANIZATIONS Housing, Homelessness and Shelter, Distance Learning and Education

STOCKTON, Calif. – The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every sector of the City's economy, including local non-profit and business organizations that provide a wide range of services and support to the Stockton community. In addition to providing housing, shelter, and services to those currently experiencing homelessness, another significant concern that must be addressed during the pandemic is educational support through distance learning. To assist with the expense of addressing these critical needs, the City of Stockton is making funding available to community-based and business-oriented non-profit organizations, non-profit housing developers, and faith-based organizations (for non-religious activities). Applications for funding will be accepted online only, September 2 through September 23, or until all available program funds have been awarded.

"Grants provided under this program must cover costs directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which may include some eligible costs already incurred by the organization," shared Ty Wilson-Robinson, City of Stockton Economic Development Department. "All grant money provided must be spent by December 30, 2020, so organizations should not ask for more funding than can be used by that date."

A total of \$3.5 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)

Act funding will be provided to organizations with the city of Stockton, based on the

following categories: Community Support; Housing, Homeless and Shelter Programs and Services; and Distance Learning and Educational Support.

- Community Support a total of \$1.25 million is available for grants of \$5,000 to \$100,000 for programs and services that support youth, elderly, and disabled individuals, the Stockton community, or small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Housing, Homeless and Shelter Programs and Services a total of \$1.25 million is available for maximum grant awards of \$500,000, including rapid rehousing, shelters, and food distribution and delivery. (Note: Organizations that have already received funding from the City for COVID-19 related activities are not eligible for this grant program).
- Distancing Learning and Educational Support a total of \$1 million is available
  for maximum grant awards of \$500,000, including providing technology for day care
  providers to support distance learning and programs and services that support
  education.

Eligible activities include: COVID-19 education and prevention measures and expenses related to COVID-19, such as PPE, equipment and technology; payroll expenses for health and safety employees or increased Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance costs; and expenses related to actions taken to comply with health measures, for example, costs associated with social distancing requirements, facilitation of distance learning, including technology and associated improvements to support technology, food distribution and delivery, and care for homeless populations.

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To apply for funding, <u>please register online</u>, select the "Community Support Fund" option, then submit an application through the online portal. Applications that are incomplete or ineligible for funding will not be considered for further review or funding.

For <u>complete guidelines</u>, including a list of eligible and ineligible expenses, information, or technical assistance, please visit <u>www.stocktonca.gov/housing</u>, email <u>ty.wilson-robinson@stocktonca.gov</u> or call (209) 937-7585.

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